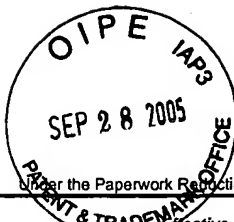


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. 0229-0681P	
Application No. 10/020,161-Conf. #009259		Filing Date December 18, 2001		Examiner G. L. Knable	
				Art Unit 1733	
Applicant(s): Kazuya SUZUKI					
Invention: METHOD OF MAKING TIRE RUBBER COMPONENT					
MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	17	- 20 =		x	
Independent Claims	2	- 3 =		x	
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Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within third month					1,020.00
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_____ Andrew D. Meikle Attorney Reg. No.: 32,868				Dated: September 28, 2005	
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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description						Small Entity	
						Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		Multiple Dependent Claims		
	- 20 =	x	=		Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
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4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)							Fees Paid (\$)
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.